## **NEW LIBERAL** PARTY GROWS.

Rosebery's Ideas Finding Ready Acceptance.

DOES NOT INTEND SUDDEN COUP.

Ex-Premier's Ideas Regarding Boer Peace Proposals Favored in Many Quarters - Clubs Hold Meetings and Endorse Policies Laid Down.

LONDON, Dec. 21.-The week before Christmas in England is proverbially the quietest in the whole year in the political world. This year, however, Lord Rosebery's speech at Chesterfield has previded a topic which has been eagerly discussed every day by the entire British press, while it has also been the main subject of discussion in all the political clubs and among the general public.

Now, after a week's consideration, the prevailing verdict is that the speech has shown Lord Rosebery to be the one man able to head the party which, whether composed entirely of Liberals or partly also of Liberal-Unionists and Conserva tives discontented with the present Government is capable of affording the country an alternative administration to the

Apart from the comparatively few denunciations of the speech as entirely useless, such as the Conservative party organ, the "Standard," has uttered, the hearty praise which was accorded the day after the speech was made has been repented dally

#### Counseled to Be Bold.

There is one chief doubt which has been expressed widely, namely, whether Lord Rosebery will follow up the speech of a leader to assumption of real leadership. Boldness, boldness, boldness," is what the "Speciator" urges on the Liberal expremier, declaring that it is necessary for him to get his former followers in the

Lords and Commons with the chief not-able figures in the Liberal party to ac-cept formally his leadership, thus de-posing Sir Henry Cambbell-Bannerman, the present nominal head of the party. It is not expected that Lord Rosebery will take any such conditions. will take any such revolutionary step a week that the speech is doing its work in ranging Liberals throughout the country into something like order.

#### Liberal Clubs Meeting.

Meetings of the various Liberal clubs in different quarters have shown that the has already been taken. This may be deof demarcation between the supporters of Lord Rosebery and the rest of the Liberal

multitudinous party divisions and subdivisions.

The increase in the strength and circumstantiality of peace rumors, to which
reference was made last week, has received a fresh impetus from Lord Rosebery's appeal to the Government to give
a willing ear to suggestions for negotiations if such should come from the Boer
leaders in Holland.

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Ostend, where he has been rewarded with
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of a personal wish, and that nothing should be allowed to stand in the way of any possible means of bringing about a

#### essation of hostilities. To Test Public Opinion.

There is an impression that the sug stion was in the nature of a ballon d'eii to test public opinion in reference ome such procedure. Preliminary step in this direction, by way of carefully counding the Boer leaders at The Hague, have already been taken unofficially and elthout implicating the Government is

The chief influence which it is believed has been at work with this object in thew is that of the English court. The anxiety to see peace at any rate within them by the date of the coronation is probably even k-sener than in any other

The Duchess of Albany, who has been visiting her sester, the Dowager Queea Erama of Holland, is believed to have been the Intermediary for this work of sounding the Boer executive in the Neib-

#### erlands Contradictory Rumors.

Rumors regarding the Boers' attitude have been frequent and contradictory. One of the latest has been contradicted as flatly as it was asserted. It is that they are ready to accept the position of a federal unit in a confederation of South African States, analogous to the federction of Australian colonies.

ation of Australian colonies.
It is, however, too early yet to discuss any very definite arrangement, and, though the British publicgrows daily more wearied of this inglorious war, its temper is such that any steps toward settle must be taken with the greates

### ALASKAN BOUNDARY DISPUTE.

An Ottawa Correspondent Declare Onestion Will Now Re Respend. TORONTO Dec. 21-A despatch to the "Clobe" from its Ottawa correspondent

"It is rumored that negotiations in regard to the Alaskan boundary question, dropped pending the seitlement of the Nicaraguan Canal question and the ratification of the Hay-Pauncefote treaty, are about to be resumed.

Diplomatic overtures have been made to the United States to refer the question to arbitration. This, it is thought is an apportune time to bring the subject up again, as the opinion is held that it view of Britain's generous behavior touching the Nicaragran Canal, the United States might consent to arbitration on conditions honorable to both

#### TO BREAK MONTE CARLO BANK. Earl of Roslyn Forms Syndicate to

Supply His Funds. once, as it would be calculated to make confusion worse confounded in an al-ready chaotically disorganized party.

There has been evidence during the last claimed that he has invented a system by s was announced some time ago, has which he can break the bank at Monte Carlo or anywhere else. His lordship has invited his friends to subscribe the necessary funds to enable them all to get rich. The friends, it appears, are displaying onsiderable caution, and his lordship's

first step toward the unity of the party | philanthropy is now extended to anybody scribed as the institution of a clear line | fact, to enter the syndicate for a period of with money. It is open to anybody, in three months or more. His lordship has already acquired a capital of about Radical party, instead of, as at present, \$10,000, and with this he has gone to

ceed to Monte Carlo.

By the terms of the syndicate's articles His reference to the possibility of arranging an accidental meeting at a "wayside inn" is considered by many to have
more behind it than the mere expression joy himself, anybow, so long as the money

District Commissioners Approve Several Recommendations.

The Chief Engineer has recommended and the Commissioners have approved the following action with reference to pensions and retirements in the Pire De-

That the application of Watchman John A. Walsh for retirement be denied.

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That Foreman Charles S. Boss be retired December 31, 1901.

That the application of John T. Hyland for an increase of pension from \$10 to 550 a month be granted.

It is understood that the general policy of the Commissioners will be followed in scienting the successor to Foreman Boss by appointing the first on the list of assistant foremen, C. R. Kuhns.

## MAS. DALE BAILED OUT.

Authorities Accept \$5,000 in Cash as Sufficient Scentity.

JERSEY CITY, N. J., Dec. 21.—Judge John A Blair, of the Hudson County Court of Oyer and Terminer, accepted \$5;oco cash beil this morning for Mrs. Eliza-beth Howe Dale, who was arrested at Hobeken several weeks ago and held for the alleged murder by poisoning of her five-year-old daughter. United States Commissioner Kuss, of Hoboken, counsel to Mrs. Dale's case, is now before the grand

jury.

She has been acquitted of blame for her child's death by a coroner's jury.

## MR. DAVIS APPOINTED.

New Assistant Inspector of Buildings Named Vesterday.

The District Commissioners yesterday issued an official order appointing Harry J. Davis assistant inspector of buildings. This action was taken after a thorough canvans of the needs of the position, and of the men available for appointment. The recommendation for the appointment was made by Mr. Snowden Ashford, the head of the office, through the Engineer Com- "

practical architect, and has been connected with the office as draftsman since 1855. For the past year or so be has been detailed to duty in the office of the Inspector of Piumbing, having special charge of the plans for improving the plumbing in the public school buildings

throughout the District In 1896 Mr. David was aelected to aid. the inspector of Buildings in drafting the plans for the Western High School, While the plans were the could of many con-lectures among the expert employes of the office the work of drafting the plans and making their rendy for advertising and making their ready for advertising for bide was done by Mr. Davis. In this way Mr. Davis are the way Mr. Davis acquired an interest in the erection of the school buildings in the District, and when it became never sary to assign some one-to-look after the changing of the nimabing from the old civil in the new, Mr. Davis was the name that qualified to perform the ways. exist to the new, Mr. Davis who the man best qualified to perform the work. In the new position of assistant in the presence of the school building plane as before, tesides giving attention to the other routine work of the position.

By the promotion Mr. Davis is advanced from a per dien supplying at \$100 per the promotion for the position. The Bradenry is always to she regular cell at \$1,000 per the promotion of the position.

## OPPOSED TO SENATE CHANGE.

mendment to Rales Governing Reference to Be Foundt.

Many members of the Senate are up rms stainst a proposed amendment to e offered to the rules of the upper body of Congress by Senator Lodge immediately after the heliday recess. The amend ment provides that all petitions, me corlats, bills, and resolutions may be inroduced by merely preparing the docu ments and endorsing them with the name of the maker and the title of the com nittee to which they are to be referred. In case the change is decided upon, i will work have with the various com nittees, and will prove a large item of xpense, besides materially hindering the

work of the Senate, it is claimed by those who oppose the change. Mr. Lodge, on the other hand, says that be adoption of the amendment will reult in a great saving of time and routine

The method now in vogue provides that enators themselves must personally intreduce all bills and resolutions on the floor of the Senate, first receiving recog nition from the Presiding Officer, must state plainly just what they desire to offer. The bills and resolutions are then read aloud by the clerk, and are referred to the committees by the Presiding Officer. This is all in the open, and any Semator may object to a committee refer-ence or to the phrasing of any bill.

Under the new rule a Senator may pre-pare, or have a corps of clerks prepare, several thousand bills. These may never e the interior of the Senate Chamber but they will be printed, and will come into committee rooms in wagraloads. The proposed amendment does away with the old order of things and is very tionable to many of the more in objectionable to many of the move of the fluential Senators. Mr. Ledge, however, has all the backing he requires, and controls a majority of the Committee on Rules, so that there is little doubt as to

the adoption of the amendment.

These who particularly favor the change are the Senators from the Southern States who have a daily grist of old claim bills which they desire to unlead claim bills which they desire to unlead every morning. Among those who oppose the new order are Messra Allison. Hale, Gallinger, Warren, Proctor, and others, who claim that the amendment will simply open the floodgates and examp the committees and the Senate in a deluge of private bills, and will make the calendar everlasting. At present, under the rule, an average of 400 bills is turned in every day.

## VAN SITTART RESENTS HUMOR.

British Consul at New Orleans Sues official State Organ.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 21.-Arthur G. Van Sittart, British Consul at New Orleans, brought suit today in the United States district court for libel and contempt of court against the "New Orleans States," the official organ of the city of New Oricans and State of Lousiana. The suit is the outgrowth of the British mule trade, and especially the blowing up of the British mule transport Mechanician

by alleged Boer sympathizers. Consul Van Sittart suggested that the explosion was due to General Pearson, the Boer agent, and wanted him arrested for complicity in it. Pearson resented the charges, and sued the British Consul fer-\$25,000 damages for libeling him. Van Sitture tried to escape on the ground thata British Consul could not be sued in this country, in a case of the kind, but the United States court has ordered him to answer the case.

The "States" commented humorously on the suit, and the British Consul declares that the comment is injurious to him, and a breach of respect to the court and in contenut of it.

He demands therefore that the editor where he got the information upon which the comments were based, and in default of giving his information be sent to jail for contempt of court, as well as compelled to pay damages to him.

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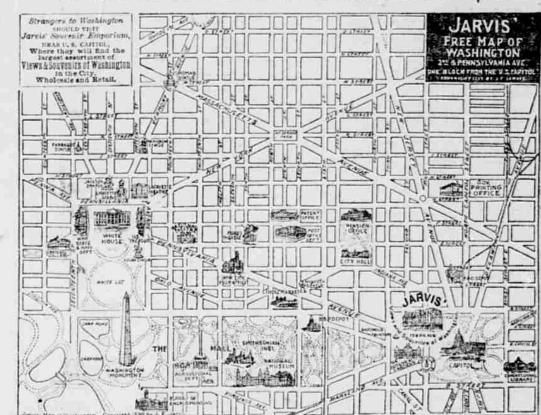
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